

ABSTRACT

A containment flap for an absorbent article, such as an incontinence garment, is made from a breathable liquid barrier material. The barrier material may further be laminated to additional materials. The flap desirably has elasticity in the long axis and extensibility of the flap with a low modulus of elasticity in its transverse direction. The long axis tension of this flap has a force vector normalized to the transverse direction when the flap is placed in curvature over the body of a wearer, thereby providing a force for extending the flap in the transverse direction to maintain contact with the body of the wearer when the garment begins to sag, such as may happen due to gravity when the garment is loaded with absorbed bodily fluids.